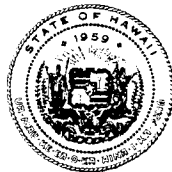


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COMPTROLLER'S MEMORANDUM NO. 1997-23

TO: All Department Heads

SUBJECT: Protocol Fund Expenditures

As in the prior fiscal years, this year's appropriations act (Act 328, SLH 1997) contains a proviso which allows the establishment of a protocol fund in the sum of \$2,500. While the protocol fund is to be expended at the discretion of the department head, conditions affecting our economy and budget have changed drastically since the creation of this fund. Directors are strongly urged to minimize the use of this fund for such purposes not directly related to the carrying out of official duties or expectations of the executive head. As a reminder, personal expenses should not be charged to the protocol fund.

Examples of unacceptable charges are:

1. Club memberships;
2. Political or charitable contributions which includes gifts to legislators;
3. Show and sporting events;
4. Clothing except where a uniform or particular form of dress is mandated;
5. Purchase of items which will be used by a director after the person leaves office;
6. Gifts which do not directly support the function of the department. Examples include flowers and fruit baskets sent for sickness or death to employees or relatives of employees; appreciation gifts for secretaries; etc.;
7. Meals and refreshments for staff meetings; and
8. Alcoholic beverages and tobacco products.

Procedures previously established in Comptroller's Memorandum No. 1995-7 dated March 17, 1995 to facilitate the accounting of protocol fund expenditures are still applicable.

If you or your staff have any questions on the establishment of the protocol fund, please call Mr. Wayne Horie at 586-0599. For questions on the types of charges that can be paid from the protocol fund, please call Sheila Walters at 586-0650.

  
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